GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RESPIRATORY DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Respiratory diseases are increasing in the country, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The respiratory diseases include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchial asthma, respiratory infections including TB and some other lung diseases. The data available does not show increasing trend.

(c): The treatment of respiratory diseases is available in health care delivery system upto the level of PHC/CHC besides district hospitals and Medical Colleges and apex tertiary level Institutes like AIIMS, PGI etc. In addition, the National Rural Health Mission is already operational and taking care of the health delivery system.